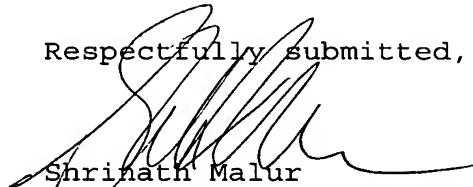


REMARKS

Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 7-16 are currently pending in the application.

Examination is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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